

## LETTER OF SENATOR DUBOIS WHICH BRUSHED ASIDE HEYBURN'S PROTEST

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, May 20.—Senator Fred T. Dubois, United States senator for Idaho, is taking sharp issue with his colleague, Senator Weldon B. Heyburn, on the subject of forest reserve creation generally, and of the creation of Idaho forest reserves particularly. The forestry bureau of the department of agriculture recommended to the president that he create six new forest reserves in Idaho, the aggregate area to approximate 6,000,000 acres. Senator Heyburn placed himself on record as opposing the creation of the proposed reserves. He protested against sending them to the bureau of forestry and the president, and he has written and spoken his opposition in no uncertain tones or language. Recently the recommendations of the forestry bureau and the protests of Senator Heyburn were sent to the White House for consideration by the president upon his return from his Colorado outing. At the invitation of Forester Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry, Senator Dubois was given an opportunity to state his views in reference to the desirability of creating the proposed Idaho reserves, and he has in response written the letter which follows to President Roosevelt.

With the endorsement given by Senator Dubois to forest reserve creation that has been in consideration for some time, the president sustained the contention of the forestry bureau rather than that of Senator Heyburn, and the reserves probably will be established.

### Senator Dubois' Letter.

Senator Dubois' letter is as follows: "Washington, May 5, 1905. "To the President.—Sir: I propose to discuss the question of the establishment of forest reserves by the national government, directing attention especially to the proposed new reserves in Idaho.

"I am a strong advocate of the policy of forest reserves and readily endorse the national administration in its proposed reserves in our state. I do this after very careful consideration of all the interests involved. In taking this position I differ radically with my colleague, Senator Heyburn, who objects to the establishment of each one of the proposed reserves in Idaho. I understand from the Honorable Mr. Pinchot and other publications in Idaho that Congressman French and Governor Gooding are in favor of the position taken by Senator Heyburn. Assuming this to be true, I differ radically with Congressman French and Governor Gooding also.

### Fought Cleveland's Policy.

"When forest reserves were first created and that policy first entered upon, and especially during the administration of President Cleveland, the western representatives in congress bitterly assailed the creation of these reserves. I joined with my colleagues from the Rocky mountain region in this opposition, and we continued the fight almost unceasingly with great earnestness for a number of years. We claimed always any objection to the policy, but contended against the methods which were used in creating, maintaining and enlarging the reserves. During those years reserves were created without sufficient investigation, and there were not sufficient safeguards to protect stock raisers, miners, lumbermen, agriculturists and people of our section generally. The fight of the western men was constant and united. Our demands were set forth in numerous speeches and finally were accepted to. The policy which controls the creation of forest reserves today and their administration is substantially the policy which the representatives of the western states in congress have contended for, and is substantially what the west, through its representatives, demanded.

"The passage of the national irrigation act and the construction of large irrigation works by the government all over our western country, which will reclaim millions of acres of desert land, has made the further extension of forest reserves already existing and the creation of new forest reserves a necessity. Forest reserves and irrigation go hand in hand. You cannot separate one from the other.

### Heyburn's Mistake.

"The trouble with my colleague, Senator Heyburn, is, I think, that he is making a fight based upon conditions which do not now exist. He is contending against evils which the united effort of the western representatives in congress successfully combated and removed before he became a senator. "If in any proposed reserve anywhere any particular individual or a few individuals suffer, adequate compensation is made to them. All that any such individual or class of individuals has to do is to call the attention of their congressman or senator to the facts in his individual case, and the proper remedy and relief will be afforded.

"Senator Heyburn has made specific objections to each of the proposed reserves in Idaho, or indicated that he would do so. I must assume that he is opposed to the general policy of forest reserves unless they are created and governed under such circumstances, rules and regulations as will make them ineffective for the purpose sought.

"Seven proposed new forest reserves in Idaho have been recommended by Forester Gifford Pinchot to the secretary of the interior for final establishment, as follows:

- "1. Henry's Lake.
- "2. Addition to the Yellowstone.
- "3. Sawtooth.
- "4. Payette.
- "5. Addition to the Bitter Root.
- "6. Squaw Creek division of the Weiser.
- "7. Cassia.

"As Congressman French and Governor Gooding have not gone on record specifically in their objections, I will not include them in my criticism, unless they endorse the position of Senator Heyburn.

"In order that I shall not do my colleague any injustice, and in order that I may be certain that I do not misrepresent him, I will quote literally his objections, which objections he has caused to be published very generally and to become his official objections.

### Lake Henry Forest Reserve.

"The proposed Henry's Lake forest reserve is in the northwestern part of Fremont county, south of Montana, and on the eastern edge of the Yellowstone National park. It contains about 725,000 acres, 52,000 of which are withdrawn. I am particularly familiar with this entire section, having gone over it many times. The area embraced is mountainous and rough, covered with a narrow strip along the upper southern slope of the continental divide between Idaho and Montana, in which rises Camas creek, an important irrigation stream, and a projection southward in the mountains bordering the National park to afford protection to the north of the Snake river. The valley of this stream contains the only cultivable land within the proposed boundaries, and most of this is excluded from the reserve, as the area adjoining and south of Henry's lake is to be exempt. There are only about 6,000 acres of agricultural land in the entire reserve. This has been practically taken up, and the creation of the reserve will not prevent its use or occupation by its present owners. The entire region supports no industries but grazing, except as I have indicated, farming along streams. The timbered land comprises forests of inferior lodgepole pine, with occasional

bodies of red fir. They are not valuable for lumber, but are exceedingly valuable to protect the very important streams which I have mentioned, which go to form the headwaters of the Snake river. Whatever supply of merchantable timber there is should be carefully guarded, as it will all be needed in that section. There is constant danger from fire and over-grazing, and the importance of the streams for irrigation makes immediate protection very desirable. All of the water in this part of Idaho is utilized and there is no possibility for increasing the acreage except by irrigation. The North Fork of Snake river already waters about 225,000 acres of land south of the proposed reserve in Fremont county, and the reclamation service has surveyed and planned several reservoirs, the creation of which will be of great benefit in the reclamation of arid lands. The success of these reservoirs depends largely on forest protection. Sheep and cattle from all over southeastern Idaho and from adjoining states contend for this grazing country, with the result that it is overstocked, and the ranges and water flow suffer as a consequence. No local interests will be disturbed, and those who are living on the proposed reserve are anxious for relief and from grazing competition. I suppose the large sheep owners in southeastern Idaho who disapprove of all forest reserves, because they have a tendency to restrict their privileges, object to this particular reserve. If they are residents of the region proposed to be reserved, they will be protected and the gainers, as they will be the first who are allowed to take permits for grazing. It is the policy of the administration everywhere and at all times to permit a reasonable amount of sheep grazing.

"The greatest irrigation project which will be undertaken anywhere in the United States, in my judgment, will be the one which contemplates the Snake river. Jackson's lake will be made into a great reservoir into which will be emptied the waters of Emma Matilda and Twin Ocean lakes. Reservoirs also will be built around the Henry's Lake country, and in addition to this, the building of these great reservoirs and the conservation of the flood waters will make sure the adequate supply of water for the lands in the Snake River valley which are already under cultivation. The protection of forests is one of the very great factors in this great development.

"I quote now Senator Heyburn's protest against Henry's Lake reserve. In all my quotations from Senator Heyburn's protest, I use his exact language.

### The Senator's Protest.

"Against all that part of the Henry's Lake reservation covering Beaver and Spencer stations and the adjacent country, and to all that part lying south of the standard parallel and extending eastward into the Yellowstone National park.

"The reason for my objection to this is that the growing towns along the railroad should not be included within a reservation. That the reservation south of the standard parallel and extending to the National park amounts to an enlargement of the Yellowstone park, in Idaho, without carrying with it the privileges of the park, and practically shuts off entry from

meet the increasing demand. Reservoir storage will help, but the reclamation service asserts of practically every project it has in hand that success depends upon sustained forest storage also.

### Depend Upon Irrigation.

"The following figures show the extent and importance of the interests dependent upon irrigation:

"According to the twelfth census (1900), the 692,588 acres of irrigated land in Idaho was 42.8 per cent of its total improved land. Of the total number of farms, those irrigated constituted 52.6 per cent. The value of all land in the irrigated farms was \$21,856,155; the value of the buildings thereon \$4,238,425, and the investment in canals and ditches \$5,129,399, making a capital represented by irrigation farming, exclusive

sive of stock, implements, crops, etc., of \$31,204,958. The average of all irrigated land was \$31.25 per acre, while that of the best, suitable for growing fruit, ranges from \$60 to \$500 per acre. The value of irrigated crops in 1899, the latest year for which figures could be given, was \$5,440,962.

"Nearly all of this land would be comparatively valueless without irrigation, and with irrigation a similar value can be given a great portion of the new valueless area of the state. In the decade between 1890 and 1900 irrigation increased the improved area in Idaho by 37.6 per cent and added over \$12,000,000 to its farming wealth. Future development in greater proportion is limited not by available land but almost solely by available water supply, which (Continued on Page 8.)

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